

## BERLIN REJOICES OVER BIG VICTORY

Austrians and Germans Claim  
Greatest Success of  
War in Poland.

## GERMANS RAID BRITISH COAST

Cruiser Fleet Shells Three Towns,  
Killing Many Persons and  
Destroying Much Property  
—Escapes in Fog.

### (Summary of Events.)

Berlin is celebrating the news from Poland of what is termed "one of the greatest victories in history." Berlin headquarters announces that the Russians have been clearly beaten and that the Russian offensive against Silesia and Posen had been broken. A general retreat of the Russians in Poland, with the Germans in pursuit, is reported.

In contradistinction to this, the latest official bulletin issued at Petrograd declares that the Russian cavalry and vanguard troops "are chasing energetically the beaten Germans" in the direction of Mlawa.

Both sides lay claim to the capture of prisoners, the Germans to a very large number of them.

American visitors, who, a few days ago, commented upon the nondisplay of flags, scarcely recognized the streets, which everywhere were gay with the German black, white and red, and the Austrian orange and black at many places intertwined.

### Big Battle Near Warsaw.

A great battle is in progress at Sochaczew, thirty miles west of Warsaw. The German wedge, which is proceeding in a southeasterly direction from flow has managed, after heavy fighting in which serious losses are reported to have been inflicted, to establish itself a quarter of a mile west of Sochaczew. The Polish campaign now centers at that point.

The German column was met at Sochaczew by fierce resistance on the part of the Russians. The fighting was extremely severe, at points leading to hand-to-hand encounters. Artillery fire on both sides was heavy and continuous. German aeroplanes are constantly circling over the town.

### Austrians Capture 31,000.

The Austrians have succeeded in again crossing the Carpathians, and, according to their account, are driving the Russian left back toward the River San. This army, assisted by German reinforcements, has undertaken the rather difficult task of forcing the Russians to withdraw from in front of Cracow and also of relieving Przemyśl. The Austrians apparently have met with at least partial success.

An official communication issued at Vienna says the Austrian offensive in Western Galicia has compelled the enemy to retreat and his front in South Poland to waver. Austrian troops, advancing from the south, reached Jaslo and Hajbrot. In this advance and the last battle they took thirty-one thousand Russian prisoners.

### Raid English Coast.

For the first time in more than a century England has been struck by a foreign foe. A squadron of swift German cruisers crept through the fog to the eastern coast and turned their guns against the Britons.

When day broke, the raiders began the bombardment of three important towns—Hartlepool, at the mouth of the Tees, Whitby, thirty-five miles southward, and Scarborough, noted as a pleasure resort, fifteen miles beyond Hartlepool.

Most, there two battle cruisers and an armored cruiser were engaged and at this place the greatest loss of life occurred. The German warships escaped a pursuing British fleet after a long chase through heavy fog.

### More Than 100 Killed.

The British war office fixes the number of dead at Hartlepool as eight soldiers and ninety-seven civilians, and the wounded at fourteen soldiers and 116 civilians. At Scarborough, where a battle cruiser and an armored cruiser shelled the town, thirteen casualties are reported, while at Whitby two were killed and two wounded.

Men, women and children of the civilian population were left dead or wounded—struck without warning while at breakfast or at work. In all, according to official estimates, the casualty list totals 264, of whom 134 are known to be dead.

Three churches were damaged; the gas works and lumber yards at Hartlepool were set afire, and the Abbey at Whitby was struck. The Halmoor

hotel at Scarborough received the full effects of a shell. A number of houses and shops were shattered and partly burned in each of the towns.

The French Claim Progress. The German and French official communications do not disclose much of what is going on in the west, but it is apparent that the allies are still on the offensive from the coast to La Bassée and at various other points along the front. While not very marked advances are reported the French claim to have made some progress and to be holding the ground they gained during the preceding days.

Allies Push Offensive. The offensive movement of the French and British has become general and is being pushed with strong forces, particularly in Flanders, the Argonne, the Meuse and Alsace. While the French claim to have been successful at all points except at Steinbach, in Alsace, the German official report says the Allies' attacks have been unsuccessful at several places.

On the whole, however, it would appear that the Allies, who now have a superiority in numbers as well as in artillery, have succeeded in making some progress and have withstood vigorous counter attacks delivered by the Germans.

### Servians Retake Belgrade.

The Servians, after a fierce battle, have recaptured Belgrade, according to a Nish dispatch. The Austrians occupied Belgrade December 2, after having besieged it since July 29, bombarding from batteries near Simina and from monitors on the Danube. A large portion of the city was said to have been destroyed by the fire of the Austrians. When war was declared the Serbian government moved from Belgrade to Graguyevata and later went further south to Nish, where it remains.

### Admits Loss of Belgrade.

The abandonment of Belgrade by the Austrians is acknowledged in an official statement given out at the Austrian army headquarters. The statement says that the retirement of the right wing involved a change in the military situation which made it advisable to abandon Belgrade, which was evacuated without fighting.

### Russians Defeat Turks.

The Turks, considerably reinforced from Baghdad and by a new formation, assumed the offensive in the Euphrates valley and the Van region, which resulted in a number of engagements of secondary importance. In these battles the Russians were victorious with the result that the Turkish forces are demoralized and in some cases have lost their effectiveness.

### A New Triple Alliance.

By invitation of King Gustav of Sweden, King Haakon of Norway and King Frederick of Denmark will visit him at Malmö, Southern Sweden. The three kings will be accompanied by their ministers of foreign affairs and secretaries and will discuss affairs of common interest which have arisen as a result of the war and especially measures for helping the economical situation in Scandinavia.

## VICE ADMIRAL STURDEE



Vice Admiral Sir F. C. D. Sturdee, commander of the cruiser squadron of the British navy which destroyed the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig off the Falkland islands.

It is believed now that the German squadron included at least four battle cruisers of the super-dreadnaught class and two armored cruisers. The shelling of the Hartlepool and Scarborough was simultaneous, but Whitby was visited by the warships after they had left the other towns.

The light cruiser Patrol and the destroyer Doon were among the British ships which attacked the German cruisers. Both were struck by shells. They lost five men killed and fifteen wounded. The Hartlepool casualties are 52 dead and 350 wounded.

## SNOW AND COLD STOP ADVANCE

DESPERATE DEFENSE OF SLAVS  
STOPS VON HINDENBURG AFT-  
ER RUSSIANS CROSS BZURA.

## EVACUATE MIDDLEKIRKE

AUSTRIANS ADMIT CZAR'S FORCES  
HAVE OCCUPIED SOUTH POL-  
AND AND GALICIA.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

London, Dec. 22.—In Poland and Galicia battles are being fought between the Russians and the German and Austrian allies amid deep snow in bitter cold.

In Belgium and northern France the Germans and the French, British and Belgian allies are contesting the mud-filled foot by foot.

The Germans in Poland again are making a fierce attack toward the capital and the Russians are making a stand against them on the east bank of the Bzura river, thirty miles west of Warsaw. Grand Duke Nicholas' army here holds a natural strategic line, 50 miles long, running roughly north and south along the east banks of the Bzura and Rawka rivers. Bitter cold is helping the Russians to block the German advance.

The Petrograd reports claim that the German force in north Poland has retreated across the boundary into East Prussia in a northwesterly direction. It asserts also that the Austrian advance through the Carpathian passes to the north has been checked and the attempts of the Przemysl garrison to break through the lines repulsed. According to this report the Austrians have been driven into the fortifications with heavy slaughter.

The Austrian communication, on the other hand, claims successes in the Carpathians, but admits that the Russians again occupy Galicia and south Poland in force.

Apparently, therefore, the Cracow and Przemysl investments are continuing and have not been broken.

Serious fighting between the Russians and Turks around Erzerum, Turkish Armenia, has been stopped by snow six feet deep and intense cold, from which the Arabs are suffering bitterly.

Berlin publishes what purports to be an order issued by General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the allied forces of the west, dated Dec. 17, exhorting the soldiers and telling them the hour has come to "clear the savager from France."

A late Paris official bulletin describes small gains all along the line, particularly in the center between the Argonne and the Meuse.

British ships have again been bombarding Zeebrugge and Heyt, as well as the coast beyond Ostend, where the Germans have established many shore batteries hidden in the grass and sand.

According to the newspaper Tijd, in Amsterdam, the Germans have evacuated Middlekerke. There has been considerable movement among the German troops in West Flanders.

The German war office gave out a statement in which it is related that on Dec. 15 German troops were successful at Neupont, occupied certain Anglo-Indian positions in Belgium and captured artillery and 270 prisoners, and that trenches at Notre Dame de Lorette were retaken from the enemy.

\$150,000,000 War Loan Taken.  
London.—A call of \$150,000,000 on the war loan was arranged easily. There was no disturbance of money rates.

## THAW MUST GO BACK

U. S. Supreme Court Overrules New Hampshire Judge and Orders  
White's Slayer Extradited.

Washington.—The Supreme Court reversed the refusal of the Federal Court in New Hampshire to extradite Harry Thaw to New York.

In a brief decision by Justice Holmes, which was the unanimous decision of the court, it was held that the celebrated prisoner should be turned over at once to the New York authorities to answer an indictment charging conspiracy to escape from Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane.

Whether his escape from the asylum while his counsel contended he was insane, constituted a crime and other questions the court dismissed with the comment that they could not enter into a habeas corpus proceeding and that they were proper questions for the state of New York to decide.

Actually the celebrated Thaw case—for the killing of Stanford White—was not before the Supreme Court. Merely the question of returning Thaw on the conspiracy indictment was up for decision.

Miners to Receive Gifts.  
Kansas City.—Sufferers in the southern Colorado coal fields will be sent a Christmas consolation from Kansas City, consisting of clothing, bedding, shoes and food.

## STATE NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL  
NEW MEXICO  
PEOPLE

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.  
April 2-3.—Annual Meeting Northwest-ern New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, at Deming.

The homestead rush is on again at Fort Sumner.

Steven Minerick, 22, died in the Navajo Mine near Gallup.

Las Cruces will have a creamery and a cannery factory.

The cost of the recent election in San Miguel county was \$2,000.

It costs \$10,000 a year to deliver the mail between Silver City and Mojolito.

New Mexico has 910 publicly owned schools buildings and 294 that are rented or donated.

One thousand ewes, for breeding purposes, were shipped to Santa Fe from Fort Sumner.

David Harrington of Guam has sold a bunch of 250 head of cattle from his ranch near that point.

As far as heard from, Estancia Valley has output, the past season, 242,300 pounds of beans.

Santa Fe will make a bid for the entertainment of the National Editorial Association next June.

Harry J. Little of Lincoln county shot White Tumbait, claiming that he mistook him for a deer.

An every other day mail service is to be established between Roswell, Tatum, McDonald, Placerville and King.

The first general meeting of the Northern New Mexico Press Association, recently organized, was held at Raton.

Melrose has been able to ship this season 100 cars of wheat, 100 cars of maize, 89 of broom corn and other produce.

This year's hay crop in the territory tributary to Obar has been heavy, and the growers have been selling it extensively.

Nick Leavich, a Gallup miner, about 25 years of age, was killed by a great mass of rock falling from the roof of the mine.

With a reduction of rates on beans from eighteen to six dollars will make a big difference in the income of the raisers of that article.

Two cars of broom-corn were loaded at Rock Island by farmers from the Frost district. Price received is said to average from \$47 to \$50 per ton.

Nearly 400 applications for 1915 automobile licenses have been already received at the office of Secretary of State Antonio Lucero.

It is reported that F. Jones of Vaughn, has a litter of gray kittens, now about five weeks old, four of which were born with only three feet.

The amount of hay that has been baled and hauled to Roy this fall is an innovation. There is more feed in sight at present than was ever known there.

Phil H. LeNolr, formerly secretary of the Y. M. C. A., has been elected secretary of the Commercial Club at East Las Vegas, at a salary of \$125 a month.

Charles McKelkin, a stranger, is in a hospital at Tyrone, suffering from a bullet wound in the leg, groin, sustained, it is said, in a drunken saloon brawl.

A five-year-old buffalo bull, the famous outlaw and the pride of the Buffalo Jones herd, was shot and killed at the Bristow place, six miles west of Portales.

As a result of the recent destruction by fire of the home of H. Tecklenburg, living near Page, one of Uncle Sam's postoffices now is being maintained in a tool chest.

At a hearing before Judge McClure in Roswell in the matter of the Dexter-Greenfield drainage district, the court set the assessment at \$325,000. This is a reduction of \$50,000 in the amount previously set.

The state treasurer's report for 1914 shows the entire revenue of the state as follows: Receipts during fiscal year, \$1,814,532.27; disbursements, \$1,566,020.61. Balance, \$248,511.66.

The State College has just issued a valuable bulletin, No. 91, on "The Utilization of Feed by Range Steers of Different Ages—Alfalfa Hay," by F. W. Christensen and H. H. Simpson.

According to a report that seems to be based on reliable authority, the Maxwell Irrigated Land Company has acquired options on two tracts of land across the river from that town, embracing about 15,000 acres of fine land, which will be put under ditches from the Hebron reservoir within a year.

Since the establishment of the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy in April, 1889, 594 pharmacists have been registered in this state. The information appears in a report of the board just filed with Governor McDonald. This report covers the period from July 10, 1912, and shows that the present board has held two meetings and has registered seventy-nine pharmacists.

The total receipts of the board in the period covered were \$2,935.28, and the expenses \$2,304.18, leaving a balance of \$631.10.

That volunteer firemen are exempt from both poll and road taxes, was the opinion handed down by Assistant Attorney General Harry S. Clancy in a letter to Dr. J. F. Hutchinson, Springer, referring him to Secs. 1761 and 1764 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Oscar Davis, owner of a cigar store in Roswell, was on trial in Federal Court at Albuquerque, charged with violation of the Mann act in bringing Charles Levine into New Mexico from Fort Worth, Tex. This is the fourth white slave case brought to trial at the present court term.

## GAME WARDEN REPORTS

DEBACA RECOMMENDS CLOSED  
SEASON ON BRUIN.

Also Takes Stand Against Slaughter of  
Doves—Receipts of Office  
Show Substantial Increase.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Santa Fe.—The receipts of the state game and fish warden's office in the fiscal year ending November 29, last, increased to the extent of \$1,238.67, compared with the preceding fiscal year. The figures for the two fiscal years have been completed by State Warden Trinidad O. de Baca, and will appear in the report that he will submit to Governor McDonald and the State Legislature.

At the beginning of the fiscal year 1913 the state game and fish warden's office had a balance of \$4,049.07. The receipts during the year amounted to \$5,571.84 and the disbursements to \$6,690.54, leaving a balance of \$5,392.38. The receipts during the fiscal year 1914 were \$10,110.51, and the disbursements \$8,795.15, leaving a balance on December 1, last, of \$7,283.24.

As the game and fish licenses are reported by calendar, and not by fiscal years, the figures for 1914 are not yet complete. Those for 1913 follow:

Big game (\$1.00 fee), 1912: 1,112; 1913: 2,794; general (\$1.50), 4,187; non-resident hunting (\$10.00), 114; non-resident fishing (\$1.00), 126.

The licensees so far reported for 1914 include 913 big game, 2,513 bird, 2,217 general, 75 non-resident hunting and 203 non-resident fishing.

The returns shown from licensees are exclusive of the commissions paid deputy game and fish wardens. The total for the last fiscal year is the largest of any year since the license law was passed.

Among a number of important recommendations in the report of Mr. de Baca is one for a closed season on bear. An emphatic stand against the slaughter of doves is taken in his report. He recommends a shorter season on wild turkeys, grouse and quail, and that the closed season on the Bob White, which expires in 1917, be extended for an indefinite period.

Don Antonio Martinez Murdered.  
Santa Fe.—News of a murder in Taos county reached Santa Fe, the victim being Don Antonio Martinez of San Cristobal in the northern part of the county, whose body was found at a place in the Carson forest known as Garrapata. The body had been covered with stones and branches from trees.

A hunter from French, Colfax county, is under arrest. One of his companions, hailing from Dawson, made his escape after being arrested, and a third nimrod, who was wounded in the right leg and left shoulder, managed to get away after calling at a drug store for ointment for his wounds and consulting a doctor.

To Reorganize Las Cruces Bank.  
Las Cruces.—It is announced that the reorganization of the First State Bank, which closed its doors a few days ago, will be undertaken at once, with W. R. Bradford, a wealthy lumberman, as president, and Frank Murchison, an El Paso banker, as vice-president. The new bank will take up the \$240,000 in liabilities, and the assets, which total from \$250,000 to \$260,000. L. B. Wooters, assistant state traveling auditor and bank examiner, is now in charge of the bank.

No Trace Found of Captain Cooney.  
Socorro.—So far as known here, no trace has yet been found of Captain Michael Cooney, pioneer mining man of this place, who left his home here on Oct. 25th on a prospecting trip, and who has not been heard of in six weeks. A search for him is being made by a party headed by Charles Cooney, his son.

Making Real Cane Sugar.  
Silver City.—According to reports from the Lone Walnut district, an excellent grade of sugar is being turned out at the D. H. Folch sugar mill there. The mill has been running on cane from the farms of M. F. Gilbert and Robert Harrell, who have raised large crops. The experiment of growing cane in that district seems to be a success, and it is predicted that an important sugar industry will be built up.

Mosquera Man Accidentally Shot.  
Tucuman.—A native from Mosquera, Union county, now in the hospital here, is the latest rifle victim to be reported in New Mexico. His two children wanted to play with a loaded 30-30 rifle and in putting it out of their reach he accidentally discharged it, the bullet passing through his stomach and liver. His condition is serious.

Bank Swindler Placed Guttery.  
East Las Vegas.—J. L. Vantine, alias L. H. Putnam, who was arrested here on a charge of embezzlement, pleaded guilty before Judge D. H. Leahy, and was sentenced to serve a sentence of from twelve to fifteen months in the state penitentiary in Santa Fe.

Take Twenty-One Convicts to Pen.  
Santa Fe.—Twenty-one federal convicts arrived here from Globe, Ariz., to be placed in the Santa Fe penitentiary. They were in charge of United States Marshal J. P. Dillon of Arizona, who was accompanied from Albuquerque by United States Marshal Hodge of this state, traveling in a special car. Such prisoners have formerly been sent to the federal prisons in California and Georgia. Their arrival will tax the accommodations of the local jail.

## COSTLY METHOD OF REVENGE

Procedure in Europe Reminded Andrew Carnegie of a Somewhat Humorous Incident.

Andrew Carnegie, in a recent interview on peace, said to a New York reporter:

"A lad twenty killed a man and woman in Sarajevo. All Europe is now fighting to avenge this wrong. England alone is spending \$35,000 a minute, according to Sidney Webb, on gunpowder.

"Well, this is such an expensive way to avenge a wrong that it reminds me of the man at the banquet.

"A man entered the cloakroom, at the end of a banquet, and began to smash in silk hat after silk hat.

"Hold on, boss! What for 'yo' smash in' all dem high hats? demanded the attendant.

"I'm looking for my own," the gentleman answered. "It's an opera hat—collapsible, you know. None of these seem to be it."

### Travesty on Real Falstaff.

Yarmouth has a claim upon all Englishmen quite independently of its associations with the breakfast bletcher, remarks a writer in St. Nicholas. For it was the home of Shakespeare's Falstaff, who appears to have been a man of exemplary piety. The Falstaffs were an old Yarmouth family.

"A Falstaff or Falstaff," writes John Richard Green, "was bailiff of Yarmouth in 1281. Another is among the first of its representatives in parliament, and from that the members of that family filled the highest municipal offices. John Falstaff, a man of considerable account in the town, purchased lands at the close of the fourteenth century in Calster, and became the father of Sir John Falstaff, who, after a distinguished military career, was luckless enough to give his name to Shakespeare's famous character.

In Yarmouth, however, he was better known as a benefactor to the great church of St. Nicholas.

Wouldn't Stand for It.  
She wore a determined look as she entered the drug store.

"Look here, young man, if a tall man with a red mustache comes and asks you for a prescription you're not to let him have it."

"Really, madam, I—"

"No, you mustn't let him have it on any account. He's come here for a month, and says he wants something to improve his appetite. He's boarding at my establishment, young man."

And with a muttered threat the landlady passed from the shop leaving the druggist's assistant pale and trembling.

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His Only Possession.  
Al Rogers was traveling through a lonely section in the suburbs of Boston one night, a short while ago, when he was startled by hearing this piteous appeal:

"Will the kind gentleman please help a poor unfortunate man? I—"

At this point Al felt to locate his watch. The other continued:

"I have nothin' in the world but this loaded revolver."

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Poor Burglar.  
"A burglar got into my house about three o'clock this morning when I was on my way home from the club," said Jones.

"Did he get anything?" asked Brown.

"I should say he did get something," replied Jones. "The poor devil is in the hospital. My wife thought it was me."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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